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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO, PHL

SUBJECT: SEATO CIVIC ACTION EXERCISE, SEATEX 53

REF: A) BANGKOK 26861, B) BANGKOK 25512,

-- C) BANGKOK 26592

DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CINCPAC THAT USAID  
MANILA HAS CUSTOMARILY, IN THE PAST, PROVIDED "SUPPORT  
IN KIND" TO US FORCES ENGAGED IN SEATO CIVIC ACTION  
EXERCISES BASED IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE WOULD LIKE TO  
KNOW 1) IF USAID HAS SUPPORTED PAST EXERCISES; 2) IF  
USAID WAS REQUESTED TO SUPPORT SEATEX 53; AND 3) IF USAID  
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HAS FUNDS OR MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SEATEX 53.

2. AS SEATEX 53 IS LAST SEATO SPONSORED MILITARY EXERCISE, DEPARTMENT STRONGLY WISHES TO SEE US PARTICIPATION CONTINUE AS PLANNED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SEATO PHASE-OUT TAKES PLACE IN DIGNIFIED AND MEASURED WAY. CINCPAC HAS CITED LACK OF FUNDS AS ONE OF MAJOR REASONS FOR WISHING TO CANCEL US PARTICIPATION. WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE THAT SHOULD THE US WITHDRAW FROM

THE EXERCISE AT THIS LATE DATE THERE WILL BE SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS. SUCH A DECISION WOULD ALSO PUT US OUT IN FRONT OF THE REGIONAL SEATO MEMBERS IN DISCONTINUING SEATO ACTIVITIES WHICH WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY AVOIDED THROUGHOUT THE "PHASE-OUT" DELIBERATIONS. FOR THESE REASONS, WE CONTINUE STRONGLY TO SUPPORT SEATEX 53.

3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY TO EA.  
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